

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 7 has been amended, and claim 3 has been cancelled. Claims 1-2 and 4-8 are pending, with claims 6-8 being elected and under consideration.

In response to the Office Action mailed November 30, 2004, applicant respectfully elects species 1 (FIGS. 5A-5C; Claims 6-8), without traverse.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

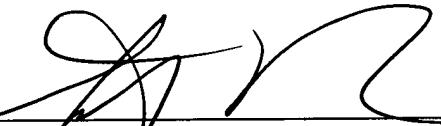
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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